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KNOX SCORES MERGER.

Masterly Summing Up of Govern-

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.-In an impressive, eloquent and at times dramatie manner Attorney General Knox in the United States supreme court argued in behalf of the government in the appeal of the Northern Securities company. The attorney general was apparently so familiar with the points he desired to make that his powerful presentation of the government's position was largely relieved of the monotonous effect produced by the reading of

In closing his argument for the government in the case the attorney general left no uncertainty in the minds of the members of the supreme court of the United States as to what was his opinion of the great merger, and the great financiers who organized and engineered it. He used plain language

in summing up the case, saying: "That to shut out the operation of the general law of competition between interstate railroads is to restrain interstate commerce.

"To bring the operations of two or more competing interstate railroads under the control of a single body shuts out the operation of the general law of competition and constitutes a restraint upon interstate commerce.

"Congress is competent to forbid any agreement or combination among companies competing for interstate commerce which restrains commerce among the states by shutting out the operation of the general law of competition.

"That in order to maintain a suit the government is not obliged to show an intent to restrain commerce if such restraint is the natural and necessary effect of the arrangement."

Mrs. Roosevelt was again an intent listener to the arguments and, with Mrs. Cowles, remained in the court until the luncheon recess. The attendance of senators and representatives was larger than at the first hearing. The case is now completed and in the hands of the justices for final decision.

Judge Daly Elected Mayor. CAMBRIDGE, Mass,, Dec. 16.—Suffieient though unofficial returns in the city elections have been received to indicate the election of Judge Augustin J. Daly, the nonpartisan candidate for mayor, by a plurality of about 150. Mayor McNamee has conceded the election of his opponent.

Father McGurty Dead. OTTAWA, Dec. 16.-Father McGurty is dead, a victim of the Ottawa university fire. He came here from Low-

Edward Honors Roxburghes LONDON, Dec. 16.-The Duke and Duchess of Roxburghe have been invited to meet King Edward at Elveden

CONDENSED DISPATCHES.

Four fires in Rochester, N. Y., have aused losses estimated at \$500,000. The chief officer and seven men were burt by a wave that swept the Cunard liner Umbria.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

Closing Stock Quotations. Money on call caster at 5% per cent. Prime mercantile paper, 6 per cent. Ex-changes, \$21,648,110; balances, \$11,932,357.

Atchison. 68% Norf. & West 57% B. & O. 79% Penh. R. R. 117% Brooklyn R. T. 49% Reading 44% C.C.C.& St. L. 77% Rock Island 25% Chi. & Northw 161% Southern Pac. 48% D. & H. 189 Southern Ry. 11% Pric. 20 South Rv. of 7% South South, Ry. pf... 77% Gen. Electric. 1545, Sugar | Hilmois Cen. 1295 | Texas Pacific | 254 | Lonis & Nash | 1675 | Union Pacific | 259 | Manhattan | 1415 | U. S. Steel | 1614 | Metropolitan | 1215 | U. S. Steel | pf. | 5236 | Missouri Pac. | 93

New York Markets.

FLOUR-Steady, with a fair Jobbing demand: Minnesota patents. \$4.50;4.75; winter straights. \$45;4.16; winter extras. \$36; 1.35; winter patents. \$46;4.25. WHEAT-Quiet, but firm on covering of shorts, small northwest receipts and steadler cables; May, \$5.5-150;85.9-15c.; July, \$13.50; 1.3-16c.

steadler cables; May, 85 5-18938 5-180; 140, 813, 918 13-16c.

RYE—Dull; state and Jersey, 56668c; No. 2 western, 634c, f. o. b., aftoat.

CORN—Advanced on light country offerings, a better commission house demand and steady cables.

OATS—Nominal; track, white, state, 419

45c; track, white, western, 41945c.

PORK—Steady; mess, 312.756713.50; family, 415.25615.50.

LARD—Steady; prime western stam. 6.30c. 6.90c BUTTER-Steady; extra creamery, Mc.;

BUTTER-Steady; extra creamery, 2c.; state dairy, 15022c.
CHEESE-Quiet; state, full cream, fancy, small, colored, September, 12c.; late made, 10c.; small, white September, 12c.; late made, 10c.; state and Pennsylvania nearby average best, 34c.; state and Pennsylvania seconds to firsts, 2013c.; western seconds, 25030c.; western firsts, 31332c.
SUGAR-Haw steady; fair refining, 34c.; centrifugal, 96 test, 34c.; refined steady; crushed, 5.6c.; powdered, 4.5c.
TURPENTINE-Steady at 531,2660c.
MOLASSES-Firm; New Orleans, 31335c.
RICE-Quiet; domestic, 24,6554c.; Japan, nominal.

ominal, TALLOW-Steady; city, 4%c.; country, 4% fishe. HAY-Stendy: shipping, 80@75c.; good to choice, 85@32%c.

Live Stock Market. CATTLE-Market steady; choice, 3549 klp; prime, \$4.70874:55; fair, \$3672.50; veal calves, \$6.5082

BROKE HIS WIFE'S HEAD

Deed of Gideon Reed of Rutland Last Night.

WOMAN WILL RECOVER Was One of Bennington's Well Known Men and

No Cause Other Than Insanity Known For the Crime Which Was Committed.

to murder his wife last night, at their

He pounded her into unconsciousterrible shape and slashing her wrist with a knife.

It is believed that Reed was temporarily insane from some unknown

As far as known there was no eyevitness to the affair outside of Reed at 4 o'clock from the house. Rev G. and his wife. The woman who lives L. Richardson of Glens Falls will offi over the Reeds heard the screams of ciate. the victim and attempted to enter the coms by the front door, which was locked. Reed became frightened and fled by way of the rear door.

The young son of Mr and Mrs Reed returned home shortly after the attack and immediately summoned Dr L. A. Heidel, who at once notified Officer Packard and the latter accompanied im to the housk.

When they arrived Mrs Reed was found lying on the floor in a pool of blood in an anconscious condition. She regained consciousness for a brief space of time and told something of the trouble.

Reed fled and up to daylight this morning had not been captured. Mrs Reed will recover.

STRANGE RUNAWAY.

Pownal Horse Tried to Butt Freight Train Off

A horse owned by Merchant F. E. Lewis of Pownal ran away at that village this morning, starting at the upper end of the village.

As the horse came down to the railroad crossing, a fast freight was passing and the animal ran right against the train. It was thrown against a tree and killed instantly.

The horse was valued at \$150. The wacon was demolished.

POWNAL CENTER

Miss Nina Thompson is visiting Mrs Dr Dean at South Shaftsbury.

Dr L. E. Niles and family returned from New York Saturday evening. Miss Lucretia Niles is visiting relatives in Amsterdam.

Frank F. Mason will work the Dr L. E. Niles farm the coming year.

Miss Ella Kimball visited Mrs C. Patterson last week. M. V. Brown is sawing some first class timber to be used in the Boston

and Maine car shops. Mr and Mrs C. B. Totten of Albany has moved into their new home pear

Barber pond. Miss Charlotte Barber visited at Geo Scriven's last week.

Benjamin Amadon is working for Abram L. Morgan. The Methodist Sunday school will

give a Christmas concert Christmas Mrs P. Patterson visited friends in

North Adams Friday Clinton Kateley is home from Conway, Mass., for a few days.

M. J. Bartlett has moved into the Niles home from North Bennington. Miss Bessie Reynolds was a guest of Miss Florence Lewis at Pownal

A Thousand Dellars' Worth of Good,

A. H. Thurnes, a well known coal operator of Buffalo, O., writes, 'I have been afflicted with kidely and bladder trouble for years, pashog gravel or stones with exeruciating pain. I got to relief from medicines until I began taking Foley's Kidney Cure, and then the result was surprising. A fe

Notice To Advertisers

All advertisements for the Evening Banner and notices of change must be at the office the day before they are

Advertisements for the weekly Baner and Reformer and changes of copy must be in the office not later than Tuesday noon of each week and earlier is desirable during the holiday

Frank E. Howe.

E. ALVAH RICE DEAD.

a Good Citizen.

E. Alvab Rice, one of Bennington's good citizens, died at his home Tuesday afternoon. He had been a great sufferer from caucar for some months. He bad tried various hospitals for relief but found none until death came. Mr Rice was 50 years of age and the

eldest son of the late Edward Rice. He was born in town and it had al-Gideon Reed of Rutland attempted ways been his home. He was married and seaves a wife and three daughters As a man and citizen be was highly

esteemed. He had been frequently ness with a club battering her face in called upon by his townspeople to offire; was a justice of the peace several years, a lister, school director for two terms and was faithful to every trust. Mr Rice was a communicant of St Peter's church and for some time was

PLEADS NOT GUILTY.

one of the vestry. Funeral Thursday

"Con" Howe Arraigned on Charge of Breaking Into Freight Cars.

James Howe, one of the North Benlington gang, who broke into some freight cars in the freight yard, in the north village and carried off a cask of whiskey was arranged before the court at the opening of the afternoon ession Tuesday and 'pleaded "not

His case was assigned to follow the Rogers murder case.

DORSET

Mrs Chambers is Ill.

Miss Jeanie M. Hilliard has been passing a week with friends in Man-

Rev C. S. Carbart held a service last week Thursday evening and he holds one in South Dorset this week.

The Glass Blowers gave enterainments in School Hall several evenings last week.

F. G. Stone, W. J. Holley, H. B. Kent, R. M. Campbell, C. N. Willlams, Burr Harwood, Elmer Harwood, Henry Harwood, Mr and Mrs J. H. Sheldon, Mr and Mrs L. P. Snyder, Misses Gertrude Seymour, Kathryn Breman and Carrie McCoy were among those who attended the State Grange at Rutland last week.

Kodol Byspepsia Cure digests all classes of food, tones and streogthens the stomach and dig stive organs. Cures dyspepsia, Indigestion, stomach troubles, and makes rich red blood, health and strength. Kodol Dyspepsia Cure rebuilds wornout tis sues, purifies, strengthens and sweet ens the stomach. Governor G. W. Atkinson of W. Va., says, "I have used a number of bottles of Kodol Dyspepsia Cure and have found it to be very effective and indeed a powerful remedy for stomach ailments. I recommend it to my friends." Sold by B. A. Quinlan.

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seats all remedies for a COUGH or COLD. We refund the price if it is not satisfactory. Large bottles cents. B. A. Quinlan.

Christmas Sale Of Pianos,

In order to reduce our stock before January 1st, we have decided to sell-25 new planes, the regular price of which is \$350, for \$275 each. These planos are new, just in from the factory; double veneered inside and out, highly finished in fancy figured walnut or fancy figured mahogany, with stool and scarf-fully warranted for ten years, and will be sold on very easy payments. Send for catalogue, giving full description of style, finish, etc. This is the chance of a lifetime to buy a strictly first class piano at a and he would not go. large reduction, and on easy terms Address: McKannon Bros & Co., 45 Church St., Burlington, "t.-3w

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MRS. ROGERS ADMITS MUCH

In Note To Morris Knapp She Wrote "My God! Perham Has Given the Whole Thing Away."

Morris Knapp Tells of His Relations With Mrs. Rogers, and Levi Perham Throws Some New Light on Her Plans of Disposing of Her Husband.

Morris Knapp, whose name has, His response to inquiries by th been frequently mentioned through out prosecution along this line, invariably the trial, was put on the stand Tues- was,

day afternoon.

He said he was 23 years old and a am compelled to." member of Compay K. He went to | muster with his Company in August night and as to that night Le could 1902 and returned the day Rogers' ody was taken from the Walloomsac. Rogers was in June 1902 when he took | that night.

her and Stella Bates driving. Knapp lived at home then and Mrs Rogers lived with Stella Bates at the Spauld- character, the defense took an except-

Soon after, Mrs Rogers went to board with the Perham's who were then on Beech st, and when they moved

to Safford at she went with them.

Mrs Rogers at first represented to him that she was single. In the latter part of July Mrs Rogers and Leon Perham had been to Hoosick Falls, to see Marcus Rogers

married, she said. Mrs Rogers had introduced her hus-

band to Knapp as her brother. Later in July he saw Rogers for the last time at Perham,s. Then Mrs Rogers told him that Marcus "was

iusured in her name for \$500." Knapp left home in July and went to board at Perham's. He saw her almost every night and they had some talk about getting married

She asked him if "be'd as soon marry her" and he replied "her as soon as anyone, but he was not ready to get married." The morning he went to muster she wanted him to go and order some furniture of Charles

Knapp told her it would be time enough when it was needed.

When he returned from muster he saw her in front of the armory. She was worried about her husband, said he had threatened to commit suicide. She had seen him Tuesday at Spaulding's; he wanted her to live with him and when she refused, gave her his insurance policy and said he had nothing to live for.

She was going to have Godfrey and Nash look for him. She had been to Phillpott's, she said, to see if he was 43tf | there, but he was not.

It was at this time that Knapp claims he first discovered that she was married. He "called her down" he says, for deceiving him.

He received a letter from her ing jail the day of her arrest. It said "My God, Perham has let it

all out." In it she begged him to come and see her as he knew what he was to her. Wednesday night he had received a note from her asking him to come and spend the evening with her at Perham's as it was lonesome. But Rogers' body was then in the house

Knapp described the location of the rooms on the second floor of the Perham house. As a delicate part of the evidence

was at hand, the court instructed Rogers to Morris Knapp. Knapp that what he should reveal as Nursery Stock, Galden and Farm to any criminal relations with thrubery, etc. Rogers might fend to incol

"I do not care to answer, unless But Rogers was dead Thursday

not claim his priviledge, the witness was obliged to admit that he and Mrs Knapp's first meeting with Mrs Rogers had occupied the same room To all that part of the testimony,

which tended to injure Mrs Rogers Lieut. Frost of Company K. was on the stand for a moment and said that

Knapp was at muster from Aug 7 to After court suspended Tuesday afternoon, Mrs Rogers while talking with

her mother broke down completely and

of violently for several minutes. During cross-examination, Morris Knapp said that on the first evening of his meeting with Mrs Rogers and Stella Bates, he asked them to go to Sche-

nectady to keep house for him. The defense asked him if he took Leon Perham's watch to muster with bim and he replied that he did not. This was in a line of effort to disgredit Perham's testimony as to the time he returned from the scene of the murder.

Knapp gave it in evidence that he learned Mrs Rogers was married in the middle of July; at the same time be was told by Mrs Rogers that Marcus' life was insured. The respondent's counsel asked this

question, "Did you tell Stella Bates that you had made arrangements to have Rogers put out of the way or killed while you were at muster?" "No sir, I pever did, " was the answer. In re-direct examination by the

state he said that the Schenectady proposition was a joke and that Mrs Rogers and Miss Bates so understood

Koapp also stated that Mrs R gers was physically strong.

Levi Perham brother of Leon testified that the Sunday of the week of the murder, he went walking with Mrs Rogers and Miss Bates and while sitting on the stone wall at the corner of Main and Bradford Sts Mrs Rogers proposed to him that he help her get rid of Rogers.

The following is from Levi's statement:

Henry Knapp testified that the night after the body was found, Mrs Rogers sent a man to the door saying that she wanted to see Morris. Henry went out and told her that with a dead husband at home she ought to be doing something else besides chasing up other men.

George Aldrich in testifying said that at Mrs Rogers request went to Knapp's for her and asked for Morris. A young boy named George Fleming went on and told that he had frequently carried notes from Mrs.

"She went on and asked me if I would as soon go with her and take Robes, plushed lined, them down to Hoosick and she said anteed for strength passes are to go down them to see them down to Hoosick and she said she wanted to go down there to see

throw him into the brook or river."

What did you say in reply?" "I said I would." "Did you ask what she wanted to do

ad some insurance and he owned ittle place and she wanted to get it.

'She said she wanted to go to house esping with Morris Knappar 'She said if I would she would give

e 500 clean dollars. She said, 'we will go right down and get him to playing tricks and gehim all tied up' and she was to hit him with a club and I was to jump on his and she to put the chloroform on him.

Levi, however, afterward refused 1 bave anything to do with the schen and then Mrs Rogers turned her atten tion to his brother, Leon.

SMALL POX IN SUNDERLAND

Was Brought There From Somerset By a Lumberman.

Small pox has broken out in th southern part of Manchester and Sunderland. It was carried there by a man named Joe Bushee who come from the lömber camps east of Somer-

Considerable anxiety has be

caused by this outbreak. Several bouses in Manchester Sunderland have already been qui tined and vigorous steps are bein ken to check the spread of the di Health Officer George Smith of

chester has applied to the be

health bere and plans and sp

tions of the detention hospit

been forwarded to him.

POWNAL James Doyle jr who has bee

Il is better. A. C. Beechard of Willig spent Sunday here.

family to North Pownal. The Combs family were delayed York on their trin illness of Mr and Miss Combs.

Ira Burdick has moved with

Abraham Myers has moved Petersburg and is occupying D. T. Bates tenements on Line Pearl Frances Miner is ill w

monia at the home of her Dr and Mrs E. E. Potter Mrs Florence Grady ag the hospital in North Ada She was the widow of Peter the daughter of Perry Tyler on the farm now occupied by Mason. She is survived b

young sons. The Sunday Springfield Republic contains an account of the Basket b came Saturday Williams and Ya The work of Daniel Gardner of t town in throwing goals from different positions was especially fine. W iams won 22 to 9.

Health officer Bates drove b Pownal Sunday in search men who have fled from Oakq job. Mr Bates found one of whom he warned that he my st not ture out for three week god the fam are to be vaccinated at once. T man confessed to Mr Bates that th other men had gone to Bennington.

The children of the M. E. Chur will be tendered a Christmas tree Wednesday of next week, while will be a supper for the Baptist day school children Christmas eve

Card of Thanks.

We do hereby tender our since thanks to the friends and neighbor who symphathized and so kindly sisted us in our bereavement.

Mrs John Harbor and fami Mr and Mrs Frank Mart Mr and Mrs Fred Ed

Wm H. Frear & Co., Troy, N will offer from now until Chris the following: Gray Japanese Robes, 48x60 Inches plush \$4.95 each. Black Wolf Slei 48x60 tuches, lined with grat at a6 00 each. Gray Wolf tra size, lined -with Black Im

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